

## Stephanie Kost

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**From:** Chris Schumann [cschumann@twp-llc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 10:11 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

October 28, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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As an example, look at the wide availability of devices that handle digital audio: MP3 players, CD recorders, home media storage units and so much more. All of this is possible because there is no technological restriction of my rights to the data on a CD I buy. Giving away copies is already illegal.

Adding a technical barrier is also likely to have a minor impact on large pirating operations, while it will heavily affect my ability to enjoy digital television at home. It may even make me a criminal for trying to make backups for my own use.

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Sincerely,

Chris Schumann  
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Saint Paul, MN 55106  
USA

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**From:** William Jenuwine [jenuwinewf@peoplepc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 10:01 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
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USA

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**From:** Margot Durrett [xxyzzzyyxx@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 9:57 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
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Waverly, NY 14892  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 9:29 AM  
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Apartment C3  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
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**From:** Mike Fisher [fishersocial@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 8:55 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
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Sincerely,

Mike Fisher  
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Huntersville, NC 28078  
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**From:** Patrick Ward [wardo10@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 8:36 AM  
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Celina, TX 75009  
USA

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**From:** Dave True [truebluedave@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 8:25 AM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 8:21 AM  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 8:08 AM  
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**From:** Robert LaFerla [robertlaferla@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 7:49 AM  
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**From:** Philippe Ferrucci [elwoodb2@free.fr]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 6:27 AM  
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27 Rue de la Villette  
Lyon, 69003  
France

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 6:04 AM  
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Sincerely,

Ivan Moon  
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Langhorne, PA 19047  
USA



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**From:** David Gunnells [phish@marko.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 16, 2003 1:49 PM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

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**From:** Rod Britten [relayer2001@lycos.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 12, 2003 3:33 PM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
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Los Angeles, CA 90004  
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**From:** Nate Findley [nathan@sea.plala.or.jp]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 6:10 AM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Subject:** Thank You

Mr. Michael Copps,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to reply. It is very reassuring that you are looking at the future of the internet from a technical, socially open-minded perspective. I am admittedly ignorant when it comes to the technical intricacies of the internet, but I am concerned about and do recognize what will happen if access points begin to filter what and who gets onto the internet. I currently live in Japan and I have traveled to other countries outside of the United States. With every place that I have gone to, it has been the internet that keeps me connected to my friends and family thousands of miles away. This simple act has such far reaching power. That power is something that I hope will continue to flourish. Please, do all that you can to push for creating a legal foundation of openness beneath the internet. While there is no single cure for the world's ailments, I cannot express how deeply I believe a free and open internet will go to interconnect and develop positive relationships between the people, communities, and nations of our world. Essentially, when we have access to more sources of information, we are only stronger as a people.

I wanted to comment about the upcoming decision regarding electronic equipment and broadcast flags. Quite obviously we have a situation in which a business model and a technologies paths' seem to be on the verge of crossing and, should that crossing take place, there may be a drastic effect; maybe a new pattern in sales, a new approach in distribution, or maybe even a new technology will emerge. I find it disturbing, however, that because the future may harbor change for the business model, it expects that it should be able to take inhibitive action against the technologies inherent qualities. Specifically, that the movie industry expects that it should be able to mandate how any digital technology takes shape because the music industries business model may be adversely affected in the future seems ludicrous to me. While it has been said before, there was a philosophical reason that railroad companies were not allowed to suppress the creation of the automobile. Does anyone look back and feel that things should have been otherwise? Undoubtedly there are countless examples of established companies trying to undermine paradigm shifts that could adversely affect how they do business or how much business they do. Certainly, a user could upload a television show to the internet and an then another user could download that show, but, then again, had the certain decisions been made years ago, rental shops would not trickle the American landscape. Change is always a good thing. I would like to hear about what you think regarding this issue.

Thank you for your earnest efforts,

Nathan Findley

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**From:** Dan Ruccia [roochball2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 2:52 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** Theresa Ramseyer [tlr28@ipa.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 12:56 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

October 27, 2003

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 12:20 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

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